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LETTER DATED 21 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations of 16 December 1992 addressed to you (S/24971), I have the honour to draw your attention to the following.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is outraged and strongly rejects the false accusations contained in the letter of 16 December stating alleged attacks by Yugoslav aircraft and forces on 14 and 15 December 1992 against certain villages in Bosnia and Herzegovina along the border with Serbia at the Drina river.

These completely false and unfounded allegations are an undisguised attempt of involving and putting the blame on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for the civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in which it is not a party.

As has been confirmed by the report of the Secretary-General (A/47/747) and by the European Community, the last member of the Yugoslav Army was withdrawn from Bosnia and Herzegovina as of 19 May 1992.

It has also been clearly stated by the Secretary-General that there is no information which would indicate that any of the flights violating the "no-fly" ban over Bosnia and Herzegovina have been initiated from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia where United Nations monitors are already stationed at airfields. Moreover, as has been confirmed by the Secretary-General, none of the alleged violations of the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been involved in combat missions.

We particularly point out that in the report of the Secretary-General (S/24900/Add.4) dated 18 December 1992, which covers the period between 13 and 16 December 1992, there is no evidence of military flights in the area described in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The false and unsubstantiated allegations contained in the aforesaid letter of the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina are a part of a systematic propaganda campaign based on notorious fabrications with the ultimate goal of discrediting the peace efforts of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the London Conference with a view to invoking foreign military intervention in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.